

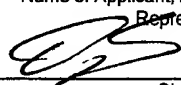
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/942,893  
Applicant(s): Hironori SUMITOMO and Noriyuki OKISU  
For: IMAGE TAKING APPARATUS  
Confirmation No.: 9827  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/03910  
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Group Art Unit: 2615  
Examiner: Yogesh K. Aggarwal

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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, which provides for a response period ending November 25, 2004.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, for two additional months to January 25, 2005, is being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.